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TO: Members, Interim Policy Group
on Land Remote Sensing*

FROM: George S. Benton, Chairman *George S. Benton*

SUBJECT: Planning for a Civil Operational Land Remote Sensing
Satellite System: A Discussion of Issues and Options

The enclosed discussion document was delivered to the Senate Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space and to the House Committee on Science and Technology, and the House Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Environment. We worked closely with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and received their concurrence on this material which is essentially the same as the Transition Plan but with specific recommendations and the budget chapter eliminated, a transmittal page added, and the tone of the document changed from the assertive to the conditional. This document will be available to the general public.

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I am also enclosing additional agency comments we have received on the Transition Plan we submitted to OMB on June 16. PLEASE NOTE: We have discovered a clerical error on page 62 of the Transition Plan. The second line of the second paragraph should be changed to read as follows:

"Similar tentative estimates covering the remaining total annual costs for the Interim Operational System indicate that approximately \$150 million in annual revenues would be necessary to cover total annual costs."

Enclosures

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